



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Adverse Action Definitions

The purpose of this page is to assist you in understanding the words and phrases used by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System (Bureau) in disciplinary/enforcement (Adverse Actions) actions. These summaries are not legal definitions, but rather general descriptions of words and phrases used in the Bureau's adverse action web pages.

EMCT: Refers to emergency medical care technicians at any level (Basic, EMT, Advanced EMT, Intermediate or Paramedic).

BUREAU: Refers to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System

ADHS: Refers to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

CIVIL PENALTY: Indicates that, as prescribed in Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 36-2211(F), in addition to other disciplinary action provided pursuant to Statute or Rule, the medical director of emergency medical services elected to impose a civil penalty of not more than three hundred fifty dollars for each occurrence of cause, not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars. Furthermore, the medical director may elect impose that for each day a cause for discipline exists it constitutes a separate offense. All monies collected are deposited, pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-146 and A.R.S. § 35-147, in the state general fund.

DECREE OF CENSURE: Means an administrative action by the Medical Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2211(D)(2)(a). The Decree of Censure is placed in the EMCT's certification file as a permanent record of the action.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION: means an order issued by the ADHS Director or his/her designee denying certification of an EMCT.

DENIAL OF RECERTIFICATION: means an order issued by the ADHS Director or his/her designee denying recertification of an EMCT.

PROBATION: Means an order issued by the Medical Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services permitting the individual to practice as an EMCT but under terms and conditions for a period set by the Medical Director to protect the public health and safety and remediate and educate the EMCT.

REVOCATION - means an order issued by the ADHS Director or his/her designee revoking certification of an EMCT for a period of 5 years before the individual may re-apply for certification.

SUSPENSION - means an order issued by the Medical Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services suspending an EMCT's certification for a set period of time.

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